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MEMORANDUM

TO: LME Directors

FROM: Mike Moseley

MH Commission Chair

SUBJECT: Sign Language Interpreting in Community Settings

As you recall, last month the Division requested feedback from LME Directors on a policy draft related to the provision of sign language interpreters in community settings. Feedback received from the LMEs was helpful and has been incorporated into the policy draft. The policy becomes effective July 1, 2007. (The current sign language reimbursement policy - dated January 15, 2005, is rescinded at the close of business on June 30, 2007. LMEs will no longer be required to process interpreter payments after that date.)

Please share this information with local providers and your staff.

Should you have questions about the policy, please contact Mr. Brad Trotter via email at brad.trotter@ncmail.net.

Attachments

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